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Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 54/104 of 9 December 1999.

2. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 30th meeting, on 15 November 2000. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.6/55/SR.30).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.[1]

5. At the 30th meeting, on 15 November, the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee (see A/C.6/55/SR.30).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.9

6. At the 30th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Cyprus, on behalf of Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire and Cyprus, subsequently joined by

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 26* (A/55/26).

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France and Spain, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" (A/C.6/55/L.9).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.9 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,[2]

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,[3] the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations[4] and the responsibilities of the host country,

Recalling also that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971, the Committee should consider, and advise the host country on, issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,

Recognizing that effective measures should continue to be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, in particular to prevent any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 62 of its report;[2]

2. *Notes* that the Committee has taken note of the opinion of the Legal Counsel of 1 September 2000 concerning the issuance of visas to participants in United Nations-related meetings and that, in this connection, the Committee has recommended that the host country take that opinion into consideration in the future;

3. *Considers* that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, and requests the host country to continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts made by the host country, and hopes that the issues raised at the meetings of the Committee will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

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[2] Ibid.

[3] General Assembly resolution 22 A (I).

[4] See General Assembly resolution 169 (II).

5. *Notes* that during the reporting period the travel controls previously imposed by the host country on staff of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities remained in effect, and requests the host country to consider removing such travel controls, and in this regard notes the positions of affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

6. *Also notes* that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to ensure the issuance, in a timely manner, of entry visas to representatives of Member States, pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,[4] inter alia, for the purpose of their attending official United Nations meetings;

7. *Requests* the host country to continue to take steps to resolve the problem relating to the parking of diplomatic vehicles in a fair, balanced and non-discriminatory way, with a view to responding to the growing needs of the diplomatic community, and to continue to consult with the Committee on this important issue;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country;

9. *Requests* the Committee to continue its work in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI);

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".